

Emmanuel Ministries

Dear Friends,

With joy I write today praising the Lord for His many blessings.

We have had a busy summer so far. Our children have enjoyed several missions groups that have come to love them and show them God's faithfulness and love. We are so grateful to these groups that in spite of the difficult situation in our city of Juarez, they answered the call and came to Emmanuel Ministries in the midst of our violent times. We praise God that during their time here His protection was with them and they were able to return home safe and sound.

We still have several weeks of summer left and more activities, the Ballet Intensive, a Life Training Camp for our teens and a Basketball camp coming the third week of July. We ask for your prayers for the Lord's protection to continue on this hill and with all our children, staff, their relatives and the different groups visiting.

I want to share with you a story that touched my heart. In our dorm #3 our little boys 3 to 7 years old live their daily routine as they go about life. Monica, their dorm mother, is a sweet woman with lots of energy. She cares for 22 little ones daily, making sure they do their homework, have dinner, play safely, take showers, respect each other and everything else moms teach little boys. But she has made it a point to teach them about the power of prayer. Every night they pray Psalm 91 by memory and then she guides in prayers of thankfulness. They pray for the needs in their lives and ministry. One of their prayers was for one of their peers. Marco, 6 years old wanted his mother to find a husband and he wanted a little brother. This was one of their prayers the Monica would remind them to pray for every night. Months went by and sure enough, Marco's mom began a relationship with a wonderful young man, she married him and took Marco out of Emmanuel to live together as a family. They came and visited church recently and we were given the news Marco's mom was pregnant and she was expecting a boy. Monica was so excited to share the news with the rest of the children, she told them "your prayers for Marco were answered, see when you pray God listens because you are His children and He loves you very much".



A few days ago, Monica was not feeling very well, she had a migraine that lasted a couple of days, but her pain did not stop her love for her 22 boys, so as bad as she felt she would still show up for work every day. Our nurse kept giving her different medications, but nothing was working. On the evening of the second day she could not take it anymore, so she went and laid down in one of the boys beds. Angel (6), Arturo (7) and Cristian (7) came into the dorm and saw her. They thought that was pretty strange for Monica to be lying down in the bed. She is always on the go so this was not typical of her. They finally asked "Sister Monica, what's wrong?" She told them she had a horrible headache. They asked "Can we pray for you so God can take it away?" She responded "Please do".

The boys began to place their little hands on her head and began in a fervent prayer: "Dear Jesus, we ask you to please heal sister Monica, take her headache away, we need her and we love her and we don't want any other dorm mother to take care of us. We want Monica, so please take her pain away!" Monica rushed into Luz's (interior coordinator and nurse) office crying and began to tell her the story "Luz, Luz, can you believe my headache is gone, is all gone you want to know what did it, do you, do you?" Luz said "Yes tell me, it must be very good medicine I had given you the strongest I could and it still was there the last time I saw you..." Monica began to share the story "My

boys, my little boys prayed and God heard them, my headache is gone! Our little boys are men of faith, I am so happy to have this job, it just doesn't get better than this!"